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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

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11 MARCIANO PLATA, et al.,

12 *Plaintiffs,*

13 v.

14 ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, et al.,

15 *Defendants.*
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Case No. C01-1351 TEH

**DECLARATION OF TERRY HILL, M.D.
IN SUPPORT OF RECEIVER'S
SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION NO. 8
FOR ORDER WAIVING STATE
CONTRACTING STATUTES,
REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES**

1 I, Terry Hill, declare as follows:

- 2 1. I am currently the Chief Executive Officer, Medical Services, for the California Prison
3 Health Care Receivership and make this declaration in support of the Receiver's
4 Supplemental Application No. 8 for a Waiver of State Contracting Procedures. The facts
5 set forth herein are based on my own personal knowledge and, if called as a witness, I
6 could competently testify thereto.
- 7 2. I received my B.A. in Literature from Reed College in 1974 and an M.D. from the
8 University of California, San Francisco in 1987. From 1987 to 1991, I was first a
9 Resident in Primary Care Internal Medicine and then Chief Resident in Internal Medicine
10 at Highland General Hospital in Oakland, California. From 1991 to 1993, I was a Fellow
11 in Geriatrics at Stanford University and the Palo Alto Veterans Administration Medical
12 Facility. I was a National Institute of Health Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Stanford
13 University from 1993 to 1994. From 1994 to 2000, I was on the medical school clinical
14 faculty at Stanford University, and since 2000, I have been an Assistant Clinical Professor
15 in the Department of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco. I also serve
16 on the Advisory Boards of the Northern California Geriatric Education Center and the
17 California Geriatric Education Center and the Board of the California Institute for Health
18 Systems Performance. In addition to my academic affiliations discussed above, I was in
19 private practice as a geriatrician from 1994 to 1999.
- 20 3. I have also served as the Medical Director of a hospitalist physician group at Summit
21 Medical Center in Oakland California, the Medical Director of Laguna Honda Hospital
22 and Rehabilitation Center in San Francisco, as well as the Senior Medical Director for
23 Quality Improvement at Lumetra.
- 24 4. More recently, I served this Court as a Medical Expert in both *Madrid v. Schwarzenegger*
25 and in this action. Since 2006, I have been employed by the Receiver, first as his Chief
26 Medical Officer, and now as Chief Executive Officer, Medical Services. I have served
27 in various capacities with numerous community and professional organizations pertaining
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- 1 to medical care, and have spoken at many conferences and authored articles on various
2 issues in health care and the improvement of the delivery of health care services.
- 3 5. As the Court and parties are aware, the Receiver is undertaking quality improvement
4 programs within the state prisons. On January 25, 2008, the Court granted in part the
5 Receiver's application for a waiver of State contracting procedure to permit the Receiver
6 to retain consultants to assist in the first quality improvement and Access- to-Care
7 Initiative, focusing on asthma. The Receiver retained Health Management Associates
8 (HMA) to assist in the development of this first Access-to-Care pilot program. The
9 Access-to-Care Initiative as a whole goes to the heart of the Receiver's mission to
10 provide *timely access to safe, effective and efficient medical care*. The Receiver's short-
11 term measures and long-term projects have already produced dramatic decreases in
12 mortality. The Access-to-Care Initiative goes beyond those interventions to improve the
13 day-to-day medical care provided to patients by creating standardized, measurable, and
14 reliable access-to-care processes that will be sustainable after the system is returned to the
15 State.
- 16 6. The Receiver's Chronic Care team has been playing the leading role within the Access-
17 to-Care Initiative. It is charged with implementing patient-centered care in every prison,
18 replacing a system of care based on episodic complaints with a coordinated and integrated
19 care model based on long-term compassionate relationships between patients and their
20 clinicians. This team bears responsibility for teaching rapid-cycle quality improvement
21 and process redesign in all the prisons. The Access-to-Care Initiative as a whole depends
22 upon the development by front-line clinicians of reliable processes that will be
23 standardized throughout the prison system in order to reduce waste and to prevent
24 unnecessary suffering and deaths.
- 25 7. The vehicle for chronic care redesign has been the industry-standard "learning
26 collaborative," which has brought together teams from six pilot prisons to share their
27 ideas and experience. Just as patients learn and change more effectively using the peer
28 education model, organizations learn and change better using a peer-driven model rather

1 than a top-down approach. In November 2008 the six pilot sites completed the last of
 2 four "collaborative learning sessions." Their performance in implementing the chronic
 3 care model and in taking advantage of the collaborative approach far exceeded
 4 expectations.

- 5 8. Focusing on asthma as the first chronic disease, by November the six pilot sites had
 6 identified all of the asthmatics in their respective pilot clinics. The clinicians caring for
 7 them had learned state-of-the-art asthma treatment and planned care. These patients have
 8 had pulmonary function tests, classification of their asthma severity, evaluation for
 9 appropriate medication, instruction with verification on how to use various asthma
 10 inhalers properly, and education in the nature of asthma and how to control symptoms so
 11 as to live nearly normal lives without the burden of wheezing and air hunger. They now
 12 have contingency plans in case of sudden worsening, as well as overall self-management
 13 strategies that have been proven to reduce emergency room visits, avoidable
 14 hospitalizations, and unexpected deaths.
- 15 9. We have already received favorable reviews from many of these patients, who have made
 16 statements such as "I never thought I could feel normal with asthma," and "I didn't really
 17 know how to use my inhalers." The change in asthma care has begun to spread by word
 18 of mouth among patients. Of equal importance, there has been a change in the attitude of
 19 the healthcare staff, many of whom are voicing newfound empowerment and
 20 recommitment to their original motivations as healthcare professionals. Many of them
 21 are seeing for the first time the power of teamwork to improve the quality of patient care.
- 22 10. The teams from these six pilot facilities have begun to develop the knowledge, skills, and
 23 strategies that will enable them to redesign care for patients with any chronic disease,
 24 including:

- 25 • A new organizational framework of team-based, patient-centered coordinated care
 26 with unambiguous responsibility for individual patient outcomes;
- 27 • Proven methods for continuously improving the processes of care;
- 28 • Evidence-based standards of chronic disease care;

- A new and powerful information system support tool, the chronic disease patient registry; and,
- The ability to identify the sickest and most complicated of the chronically ill patients who need focused case management.

11. The Chronic Care team did all this in record time by industry standards. The classic learning collaborative unfolds over the course of a year, whereas this collaborative took five months. These astonishing accomplishments would have been impossible without the expertise and continuous involvement of HMA. HMA has provided us with essential expertise in system redesign, continuous quality improvement strategies, and a core curriculum in state of the art asthma care. The patient registry that has just been developed will be the source of on-going, real-time quality measures. HMA has also helped us develop a chronic care change package based on the experience in the first six pilot sites with newly tested procedures, forms, rules of care, and strategies that will enable dissemination throughout the state.

12. Our current plan is that, beginning in January 2009, the Chronic Care team and leaders from the six pilot sites will work with HMA to disseminate the chronic disease model and to create the local improvement teams at the remaining 27 prisons, specifically with respect to asthma.

13. Assuming that the Court approves the current waiver application, also beginning in January, the six pilot sites will add two additional chronic diseases, diabetes mellitus and hepatitis C, to their programs. We have chosen these two diseases because of their high prevalence in our patient population, because they have serious potential to cause suffering and death, and because there are known standards which should guide care. As with asthma, the experience of these six pilot sites will serve as the basis for the change packages and strategies to be used for dissemination to the remaining 27 prisons later in 2009. Based on the work by the six pilot site teams, we have also decided to merge the Access-to-Care Sick Call team with the Chronic Care team. Both teams have already

1 begun to integrate their efforts with the Reception Center team, given the importance of
 2 identifying and assessing chronic illness on entry into the system.

3 14. The speed and scope of our proposed 2009 initiatives exceed industry standards even
 4 among the highest-performing and most richly-endowed healthcare delivery systems. We
 5 will be engaging all 33 prisons well before establishing new leadership via the new
 6 RCEA structure. Nevertheless, the pilot project has shown that many of our staff are
 7 hungry for these new approaches to care and will take responsibility for ensuring that they
 8 succeed. By the end of 2009, all prisons will have trained local leadership in chronic
 9 care, and all will have implemented the patient-centered, team-based chronic care model
 10 appropriate for managing any chronic illness using evidence-based, standardized
 11 processes and measurements.

12 15. In view of the importance of HMA to the success of the Access-to-Care Initiative to date,
 13 we believe that continued progress at the pace anticipated requires continued HMA
 14 expertise and leadership. The January 28, 2008 Order and HMA's contract were focused
 15 on asthma. As a result, the addition of diabetes and hepatitis C to the Access-to-Care
 16 Initiative program will require modifications to and extensions of HMA's contract. Thus,
 17 we are submitting this application to the extent that such modifications and extensions
 18 may require further or additional waivers of State contracting law and procedure.

19 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
 20 foregoing is true and correct.

21 Dated: January 8, 2009

 /s/
 Terry Hill, M.D.

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 23 I hereby attest that I have on file all holograph
 24 signatures for any signatures indicated by a
 25 "conformed" signature (/s/) within this efiled
 document.

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 /s/
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies as follows:

I am an employee of the law firm of Futterman & Dupree LLP, 160 Sansome Street, 17th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94104. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action.

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On January 9, 2009, I served a copy of the following document(s):

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19 I declare that I am employed in the offices of a member of the State Bar of this Court at
20 whose direction the service was made. I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the
united State of America, that the above is true and correct.

21 Executed on January 9, 2009 at San Francisco, California.

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